

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach George Pitts and the 1994-1995 Science Hill High School boys' basketball team on winning their second straight Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA state championship.

WHEREAS, in winning the prestigious Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA State Tournament, the 1994-1995 Science Hill High School boys' basketball team unquestionably demonstrated the greatness of a very talented basketball team; and

WHEREAS, Science Hill won the regular season District 1 title, with an unblemished 18-0 record; and

WHEREAS, this exceptionally talented team next won the District 1 Tournament, with impressive victories; and

WHEREAS, despite strong competition, the Hilltoppers won the Region 1 Tournament, beating Dobyys-Bennett in the finals; and

WHEREAS, in the crucial substate match Science Hill defeated Karns 97-62; and

WHEREAS, at the fabled TSSAA Class AAA State Tournament, held at Murphy Center, the Hilltoppers beat Lebanon 81-60, Memphis East 71-68, and Chattanooga Brainerd 77-56 to win their second straight state title; and

WHEREAS, Science Hill thus became the first team to repeat as state champions since Memphis Northside in 1980, and the first number one-ranked Class AAA team to win a state title since Memphis Melrose, in 1983; and

WHEREAS, their stellar overall record was 37-3, concluding the season with 24 straight victories, a notable winning percentage of .920; and

WHEREAS, this now traditional power won their third state championship in five years, and they have won an incredible 44 straight games against in-state opponents; and

WHEREAS, head coach **George Pitts** and his respected staff, assistant coaches **Randy Ferrell, Greg Goulds** and **Jim Brown** and student coach **Jim Massengill** have done a commendable job; and

WHEREAS, the players were: **Bryant Mathes, Nick Phillips, Jared Ridley, Michael Levis, Gabe Goulds, Andy Harman, Odarius Williams, Ryan McKinley, Brad Fields, Katon Collins, Jovann Johnson, Eddie Swafford, Nathaniel Bailey, Fred Fair and Jeremy McHone**; and

WHEREAS, Principal **Jim Heaton** and Athletic Director **Charlie Bailey** have been highly supportive of the team; and

WHEREAS, the team doctor was **Dr. Todd Fowler**, the team bus driver was **Herb Greenlee**, the diligent managers were: **Titus Brigham, Matt Gallatin, Tori Sanders** and **Joe Vetoe**; the trainer was **Mark McDonald**; the team custodian was **Tom Wade**; and the team scorekeeper was **Sherrill Gage**; and

WHEREAS, we are proud to pause in our deliberations to specially recognize and honor one of the best teams ever to grace the Tennessee hardwoods; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate and salute Coach George Pitts and the 1994-1995 Science Hill High School boys' basketball team and wish them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copy.